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Vernon A. Williams, Esq. Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423

Re:

Notice of Intent to Participate in January 31, 2007 Hearing in

Ex Parte No. 646 (Sub-No. 1)

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing to notify the Board that Mr. Michael W. Snovitch, Executive Director of the Alliance for Rail Competition, intends to testify at the hearing scheduled for January 31, 2007 in Ex Parte No. 646 (Sub-No. 1), <u>Simplified Standards for Rail Rate Cases</u>. Mr. Snovitch requests 7 minutes of time at the hearing to address captive shipper concerns.

Sincerely,

John M. Cutler, Jr.

Attorney for Alliance for Rail Competition

cc: All parties of record